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## REQUEST TO WITHDRAW PETITION UNDER 37CFR 1.47(b) TO PROCEED WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF A JOINT INVENTOR

Sir:

A Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), to proceed without the signature of a co-inventor, was filed on October 3, 2006 in the above identified matter. However, counsel continued to attempt to contact the heirs of the deceased co-inventor, Yvan Verra, and contact was established with one heir, Ollivier Verra, via email. Mr. Verra agreed to sign the declaration, and he also has secured execution by the other heirs of the deceased co-inventor, Yvan Verra, A copy of the fully executed declaration is enclosed herewith. It is requested that the petition be withdrawn and the application returned for pre-examination processing and examination on the merits.

Should anything further be required, please contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted.

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